

Abstract Proceedings of the Travancore Legislative Council.

The Council met in the Dewan's room, Public Offices, at 12 noon, on Friday, the 14th September 1917/29th Chingom 1093.

Present.

DEWAN BAHADUR

M. KRISHNAN NAIR ESQ., B. A. & B. L.,

DEWAN.....*Presiding.*

A. J. Vieyra Esq., B. A.
V. Subba Aiyar Esq., B. A. & B. L.
N. Subrahmanya Aiyar Esq., M. A.
R. Mahadeva Aiyar Esq., B. A.
Rao Bahadur K. V. Rengaswami Aiyangar Esq., M. A.
N. Raman Pillai Esq., B. A.
John Kuriyan Esq., B. A., B. C. E.
I. C. Chacko Esq., B. A., B. Sc.
K. Parameswaran Pillai Esq., B. A. & B. L.
T. K. Velu Pillai Esq., B. A. & B. L.
Paul Daniel Esq., M. A. & L. T.
A. Govinda Menon Esq., B. A.
M. Subrahmanya Pillai Esq.

K. Narayanan Pandalay Esq., B. A. & B. L.....*Secretary.*

The Secretary reported that the Civil Courts Regulation Amendment Bill, the Markets Bill and the Copyright Regulation Amendment Bill, finally passed by the Council on the 25th June 1917, received the assent of His Highness the Maha Raja on the 4th August 1917, and became law as Regulations VI, VII and VIII of 1092, respectively.

THE TRAVANCORE BOUNDARIES REGULATION AMENDMENT BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar, in moving for permission to introduce a Bill to amend the Boundaries Regulation, III of 1058, said as follows:—

"Sir,

I beg permission to introduce a Bill to amend the Boundaries Regulation III of 1058. The Regulation is now more than thirty years old. As observed in 8 T. L. R. 90, the title and preamble of the existing Regulation are misleading. The language of the Regulation is not clear. There are very many defects in the existing Regulation. As the law stands at present, there seems to be no finality about the boundaries fixed by the Survey officers and it is open to any party to say after any length of time that the survey is wrong. Sections 12 to 25 of the Regulation deal with the reference of boundary disputes to arbitration. These provisions are seldom or never used in practice. The provisions of the Civil Procedure Code about arbitration are quite ample for the purpose. Section 26 of the Regulation empowers a Settlement officer to examine witnesses voluntarily produced in case of boundary disputes not arising out of survey but he is not empowered to compel the attendance of witnesses or the production of documents. The Regulation contains provisions about penalties for disobedience of summonses, making false statements, erasing, altering, removing or injuring boundary marks. These are unnecessary as the Travancore Penal Code contains ample provisions for the same. To remove these defects, and with a view to bring the law up to date, it is proposed to amend Regulation III of 1058. I therefore beg permission to introduce the same at the next meeting of the Council."

Seconded by Mr. Vieyra.

Carried.

THE PLANT PESTS BILL.

Mr. Subba Aiyar, in introducing the Plant Pests Bill, spoke as follows:—

"Sir,

I beg to introduce a Bill to provide for the prevention, arrest and eradication of plant pests in Travancore. A Bill to prevent the importation of plant pests into Travancore was introduced by me in this Council on the 13th December 1915. The Bill was referred to the Select Committee for report. It was brought to the notice of the Select Committee by Mr. Richardson that the prevention of importation of pests will not by itself do any good as there exist already in Travancore many kinds of pests which are injurious to crops and whose eradication is absolutely necessary in the interests of agriculture. The Committee thereupon suggested the withdrawal of the Bill and the introduction of a more comprehensive Bill on the subject. The Bill was accordingly withdrawn.